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## Louisiana Livestock Slaughter

**Commercial red meat production** in Louisiana during November totaled 500,000 pounds, unchanged from last month and the same as the previous year.

There were 500 head of **cattle** slaughtered during November, unchanged from the previous month and the previous year. Average live weight was 727 pounds, down three pounds from the previous month but seven pounds above November 2009. Total live weight, at 333,000 pounds, was down six percent from the previous month and two percent below the previous year.

**Calves** slaughtered during November totaled 500 head, unchanged from the previous month but up 100 head from the previous year. Live weight averaged 541 pounds, up two pounds from the previous month and 25 pounds above November 2009. Total live weight, at 248,000 pounds, was down nine percent from October but 14 percent above the previous year.

The number of **hogs** slaughtered during November totaled 1,200 head, up 300 head from the previous month but the same as the previous year. Average live weight was 164 pounds, down 32 pounds from October and 18 pounds below the previous year. Total live weight was 190,000 pounds, up 13 percent from October but 16 percent below a year ago.

The number of **sheep** slaughtered during November was 300 head, down 100 head from October but the same as November 2009. Live weight averaged 58 pounds, down five pounds from the previous month and two pounds below the previous year.

## United States Livestock Slaughter

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 4.3 billion pounds in November, up nine percent from the four billion pounds produced in November 2009.

**November 2010** contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and four Saturdays. **November 2009** contained 21 weekdays (including two holidays) and four Saturdays.

**Beef production**, at 2.2 billion pounds, was 11 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.9 million head, up 11 percent from November 2009. The average live weight was up one pound from the previous year, at 1,299 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 11.3 million pounds, four percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 72,900 head, down ten percent from November 2009. The average live weight was up 23 pounds from last year, at 269 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 2.1 billion pounds, up eight percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled ten million head, up five percent from November 2009. The average live weight was up six pounds from the previous year, at 278 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 14.3 million pounds, was down slightly from November 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 218,000 head, one percent below last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, unchanged from November a year ago.

**January to November 2010** commercial red meat production was 44.7 billion pounds, down one percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was up one percent from last year; veal was down two percent; pork was down three percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down four percent.

## Commercial Livestock Slaughter and Red Meat Production

Item	Louisiana					United States			
	Oct	November		Jan – Nov		November		January – November	
	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
----- Number, thousand head -----									
Cattle	0.5	0.5	0.5	6.7	5.0	2,600.7	2,876.4	30,584.0	31,347.2
Calves	0.5	0.4	0.5	4.0	5.0	81.1	72.9	851.9	801.0
Hogs	0.9	1.2	1.2	11.6	10.3	9,461.8	9,970.2	103,784.4	100,331.2
Sheep & Lambs	0.4	0.3	0.3	3.9	3.6	219.3	218.0	2,280.4	2,238.4
----- Total live weight, thousand pounds -----									
Cattle	355	340	333	4,828	3,816	3,364,224	3,724,042	39,408,942	39,890,210
Calves	274	218	248	2,047	2,679	19,704	19,151	211,490	207,059
Hogs	168	226	190	2,267	1,929	2,573,026	2,770,254	28,067,553	27,253,393
Sheep & Lambs	26	18	17	248	244	28,693	28,597	309,510	297,819
----- Average live weight, pounds -----									
Cattle	730	720	727	721	763	1,298	1,299	1,293	1,277
Calves	539	516	541	512	536	246	269	251	262
Hogs	196	182	164	195	187	272	278	271	272
Sheep & Lambs	63	60	58	64	68	131	131	136	133
----- Million pounds -----									
Red Meat	0.5	0.5	0.5	5.8	5.3	3,964.0	4,329.2	45,125.0	44,694.9

## Louisiana Hog Inventory

Louisiana's total hog inventory for December 1, 2010, at 10,000 head, unchanged from December 2009. At 2,000 head, the Louisiana breeding hog inventory was unchanged from the previous year. Market hog inventory totaled 8,000 head, unchanged from a year earlier.

The December 2009 - November 2010 Louisiana pig crop, at 16,100 head, was down 2,000 head from the pig crop in December 2008 - November 2009 period. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 1,900 head, up 200 head from the previous year. An average of 8.47 pigs was saved per litter during the December 2009 - November 2010 period.

## United States Hog Inventory

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2010, was 64.3 million head. This was down one percent from December 1, 2009, and down two percent from September 1, 2010.

Breeding inventory, at 5.8 million head, was down one percent from last year but up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 58.5 million head, was down one percent from last year and down two percent from last quarter.

The September-November 2010 pig crop, at 28.2 million head, was down slightly from 2009. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.9 million head, down two percent from 2009. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 9.9 for the September-November 2010 period, compared to 9.7 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.7 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.0 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

### Hogs and Pigs on Farms, December 1, 2010

Item	Louisiana		United States <sup>1</sup>	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
	-----1,000 Head-----		-----1,000 Head-----	
Total Hogs and Pigs	10.0	10.0	64,887	64,325
Breeding	2.0	2.0	5,850	5,778
Market	8.0	8.0	59,037	58,547
Under 50 pounds	3.0	3.0	18,705	18,564
50-119 pounds	2.0	2.0	16,782	16,519
120-179 pounds	2.0	2.0	12,299	12,208
180 pounds & over	1.0	1.0	11,252	11,256

<sup>1</sup> Weight groups may not add to market total due to rounding.

### Annual Farrowings: Number of Sows, Pigs per Litter and Pig Crop, Selected States and United States, December 2009 – November 2010

Selected States	Sows Farrowing		Pigs per Litter		Pig Crop	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	-----1,000 Head-----		-----Number-----		-----1,000 Head-----	
Alabama	32	31	8.47	8.10	271	251
Arkansas	167	115	9.73	10.15	1,625	1,167
<b>Louisiana</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>8.29</b>	<b>8.47</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>16.1</b>
Mississippi	76	73	9.68	9.89	736	722
Texas	168	121	9.45	8.52	1,587	1,031
<b>United States</b>	<b>11,904.0</b>	<b>11,555.0</b>	<b>9.62</b>	<b>9.78</b>	<b>114,542.0</b>	<b>112,988.8</b>

## Prices Received Index Up 1 Point

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in December, at 160 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 1 point from November. The Crop Index was up two points but the Livestock Index decreased one point. Producers received higher prices for corn, soybeans, wheat and cattle and lower prices for lettuce, milk, oranges and onions. In addition to prices, the overall index was also affected by the seasonal change based on a three-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of wheat, milk, oranges and broilers offset decreased marketings of soybeans, corn, cattle and grapes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index was up 25 points from December 2009. The Food Commodities Index, at 155, was unchanged from last month but increased 19 points from December 2009.

## Prices Paid Index Up 3 Points

The December Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates was 191 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index was up three points from November and 13 points above December 2009. Prices are higher for complete feeds, feeder cattle, feed grains and nitrogen.

## Average Prices Received By Farmers

Item	Louisiana			United States		
	Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary
	December 2009	November 2010	December 2010 <sup>1</sup>	December 2009	November 2010	December 2010 <sup>1</sup>
	----- Dollars -----			----- Dollars -----		
Soybeans, per bushel	9.41	12.10	11.00	9.80	11.10	11.70
Sorghum, per cwt	2/	2/	2/	5.71	8.44	9.17
Rice, per cwt	13.30	11.30	12.20	14.40	11.80	12.90
Upland Cotton, per pound	.601	.911	.963	.634	.812	.853 <sup>3</sup>
Hay, all, baled, per ton	n/a	n/a	n/a	105.00	111.00	112.00
Beef Cattle, per cwt <sup>4</sup>	53.50	66.30	67.80	78.50	94.00	97.60
Steers & Heifers, per cwt	77.80	93.40	97.00	83.80	101.00	104.00
Cows, per cwt <sup>5</sup>	42.10	51.00	54.00	43.50	51.70	54.20
Calves, per cwt	94.30	103.00	107.00	105.00	124.00	128.00
Broilers, live, per pound	n/a	n/a	n/a	.420	.470	.460
Eggs, All, per dozen	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.050	1.130	1.080
Milk, All, per cwt <sup>6</sup>	n/a	n/a	n/a	16.50	17.90	16.80

<sup>1</sup> Mid-month.

<sup>2</sup> Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

<sup>3</sup> Preliminary prices are based on sales during the first half of the month

<sup>4</sup> "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

<sup>5</sup> Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

<sup>6</sup> Before deductions for hauling and government withholdings. Includes bulk tank, quantity and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

n/a = Not Available.

# Cotton Ginnings: Running Bales Ginned (Excluding Linters) Prior to December 15 by Crop, State and United States, Crop Years 2007 – 2010

Crop and State	Running Bales Ginned			
	2007	2008	2009	2010
<b><u>All Cotton</u></b>				
Alabama	369,950	413,800	255,150	445,550
Arizona	304,450	251,550	284,550	321,400
Arkansas	1,806,050	1,226,550	785,850	1,100,200
California	1,030,750	610,300	496,800	610,500
Florida	100,300	102,950	71,300	112,850
Georgia	1,386,500	1,330,700	1,254,500	1,916,100
Kansas	31,900	15,950	11,200	48,100
<b>Louisiana</b>	<b>695,800</b>	<b>279,500</b>	<b>331,800</b>	<b>438,950</b>
Mississippi	1,270,050	654,350	391,050	814,100
Missouri	783,100	698,600	496,500	712,650
New Mexico	36,650	32,000	33,600	35,750
North Carolina	761,500	702,950	693,050	939,450
Oklahoma	214,750	175,150	174,850	280,400
South Carolina	142,950	211,200	183,000	311,800
Tennessee	586,400	520,950	468,200	667,500
Texas	4,723,800	3,132,850	3,694,100	6,268,250
Virginia	95,600	103,950	102,450	108,000
<b>United States</b>	<b>14,340,500</b>	<b>10,463,300</b>	<b>9,727,950</b>	<b>15,131,550</b>
<b><u>American-Pima</u></b>				
Arizona	2,350	1/	2,400	1/
California	519,400	314,100	284,050	314,100
New Mexico	7,900	1/	4,600	1/
Texas	25,550	17,000	21,900	18,100
<b>United States</b>	<b>555,200</b>	<b>332,900</b>	<b>312,950</b>	<b>338,300</b>

<sup>1</sup> Not published to avoid disclosing individual gins, but included in U.S. totals.

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